
**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
Partnership**

**Management Committee
Date: 13th April 2011**



Title: Update Report on Environment Thematic Group

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report summarises progress which the Environment Thematic Group has made in regard to developing and implementing actions in the Community Plan, and in developing a scorecard and work programme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Management Committee note the progress which the Environment Thematic Group has made in progressing outcomes from the agreed action plan and scorecard for the group.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** The Environment Thematic Group meets quarterly and is progressing in delivering the outcomes and actions relating to the Environment of Argyll and Bute contained in the Community Plan.
- 3.2** At its most recent meeting in February 2011, the group viewed the current Scorecard, noting that SNH were leading on the development of a list of national outcomes for the Environment. The group further discussed whether all of the proposed measures would be relevant to Argyll and Bute, and noted that if they were not all relevant it was open to individual Community Planning Partnerships to look for relevant alternatives. As a result of the discussion held it was agreed that officers from partnership organisations would meet with the Chair and Thematic lead to discuss the National Outcomes, and would bring a report and amended Scorecard to the May meeting of the Thematic group for consideration.
- 3.3** The meeting had an informative update provided on work progressing in regard to conservation of the Marine Environment. They had further presentations on the work of Scottish Natural Heritage, were given an update on the recent Review of the Agricultural Forum, and were given a demonstration of the Council's new Renewables Interactive Mapping System.
- 3.4** Strategic Partnership reports were submitted by the Argyll and Bute Local Biodiversity Partnership and the Argyll and Bute Local Access Forum, and were noted by the group.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** The Environment Thematic Group are concentrating on their performance management role by developing and refining their Performance Scorecard in light of guidance on National Outcomes for the Environment.

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